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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA PREPARING DOG TEAMS FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ

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¶1. (U) This is a guidance request, see paragraph 3.

¶2. (SBU) According to Vladimir Jakabcin, General Director of the Department of Defense Policy, International Relations and Legislation, the Slovak MoD is in the process of purchasing dogs to meet the needs of NTM-1 per Reftel. Including time for training, Jakabcin estimated that the dogs would be ready for service in 6 to 12 months. The Slovaks are preparing these dog teams specifically in response to the US demarche delivered per Reftel.

¶3. (U) Guidance Request. Will NTM-1 be able to use Slovak dog teams even if they do not become available for service for up to 12 months?

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